

[Correspondence from R. Prevost]

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Mr. Dhillon.

Now that the turban has officially become part of the RCMP uniform, I am quite sure that both you and the federal government would just love this whole issue to be forgotten. On the other hand there are very many Canadians, I like myself, who would prefer to see this issue kept alive, in the news, and on everyone's mind, especially through the next election. I intend to do my small share to insure that this does occur. It may take a very long time but eventually this country will elect an honest government and maybe even a Prime Minister with a sense of honor and tradition, and then perhaps this humiliating law can be rescinded.

In the meantime you have won your right to look like a clown in a police uniform, if that's what you want to do, but do you really think it is worth subjecting other Sikhs of all ages to years of anger and ridicule from pleased off Canadians? The right to boycott all enterprises owned or operated by Sikhs is still, I believe, a legal form of protest. Now is there any law in our legal system to effectively prevent angered Canadians from responding to all SIKHS with only rudeness, four letter words, and one finger salutes. Do you understand why there are vehicles driving around in Canada that have madcaps with your picture on them? It has nothing to do with racism. The ostracism of the Sikh community will not end until they finally realize that having the turban is the RCMP, against the wishes of the vast majority of Canadians, is simply not worth the boycotts, lawsuits, and bad jokes.

Perhaps this old adage applies here.

The Sons and Daughters will pay for the sins of their fathers.

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You may or may not care to read the attached copy of my letter that was published, although somewhat edited, in the Calgary Sun in JUNE 91.

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